

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Virginia?

There was no objection.

REPUBLICANS COMMITTED TO BALANCING THE BUDGET

(Mr. DAVIS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, the changes going on here in Washington are truly historic. The new majority here in the House has said goodbye to the old Washington ways.

Congress is now run by those who see that the Federal Government is not a solution to everything. It has become much too big and it spends too much.

For the first time in a generation, Congress has stood up to the mess we call a budget. We are committed to balancing this budget, so that our children will have a future free of debt and full of opportunity.

The defenders of the status quo on the other side of the aisle though criticize us, they offer no alternative. They have no vision and they have no plan. The only thing they have left are worn-out class warfare slogans and programs that will continue out Nation's course to more spending, more taxes, higher interest rates, and greater debt for our children and grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, Republicans are moving ahead to preserve the American Dream for our children and their children. We have a plan, we have a vision of a debt-free America, and we will balance the budget.

BUDGET DEBATE IS ABOUT REAL PEOPLE

(Mr. BONIOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, this debate comes down to one simple question: Do you think we should be cutting Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security in order to pay for tax breaks for the privileged few in our society?

I can tell you one thing—Margaret Leslie doesn't think so.

I have a picture here of Margaret. She is a senior citizen who lives in my district.

During World War II, she was known as "Margie the Riveter."

She helped build the B-29's that helped the Allies defeat Hitler in the Second World War. Today, she lives on Social Security.

After paying for her rent, her medicine, her Medicare and MediGap premiums, she is left with about \$130 each month to pay for food, bill, and everything else.

Mr. Speaker, this budget before us today will take \$240 out of Margaret's pocket because of cuts in Social Security.

And over the next 7 years—it will force her to pay an additional \$3,500 for Medicare.

Not to cut the deficit. Not to balance the budget. But to pay for tax breaks for the wealthiest few in our society.

Mr. Speaker, we need to defeat this budget.

REPUBLICANS OFFER HISTORIC PLAN TO BALANCE OUT-OF-CON- TROL FEDERAL BUDGET

(Mrs. SEASTRAND asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SEASTRAND. Mr. Speaker, our liberal friends are tragically on the wrong side of history. Their time has come and gone. Their ideas have been clearly refuted with evidence, their representatives defeated at the polls. For those that remain in this House, there cannot be much to motivate them as we move to smaller, less costly Government.

Clearly, the promise of big Government has crumbled and given way to a total reassessment of the Federal Government.

Something else is just as clear—the need to balance the budget.

Republicans have offered a historic plan to balance the out-of-control Federal budget. I can think of few things more important to our future and the future of our children than to balance the budget. We will return power to families and local governments as we shift the focus of governing away from Washington.

Republicans believe in the ability of the individual and of families to make the right choices, instead of big Government.

This philosophy places us against status quo liberalism here in Washington, but squarely on the side of the American people.

MILLIONS OF NEEDY AMERICANS DEPEND ON MEDICARE

(Mr. HOYER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, this is Tom McDonough. Tom McDonough is not interested in liberal or conservative. Tom McDonough is interested in the problems he has as a family member. Tom McDonough is 66 years of age. Tom McDonough's heart is failing. Tom McDonough lives in Bowie, MD, in my district and he gets \$800 on Social Security.

And the Republicans' budget wants to say to Tom McDonough, we are not going to help you pay for the medical care you need. We promised it as a Nation. We made a promise, and we talk about promises kept, but this is a promise broken.

Social Security is going to be cut in 5 years, in 4 years, and in 3 years for Tom McDonough. He does not think that is a promise made and a promise kept.

His Medicare is going to be cut back. Tom McDonough does not think that is a promise made or a promise kept.

REPUBLICAN PLAN WILL SAVE MEDICARE

(Mr. BASS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, when we began this debate yesterday or since we have begun this debate yesterday the debt has risen by \$846 million. That is \$846 million more that you and I and our children and our grandchildren are going to have to pay.

We will see the other side all day long today produce props and photographs of individuals who will be affected by this so-called budget reduction, which is not a reduction unless you live inside the beltway.

But I am here today in Congress for these people. Here today are my two children, Lucy and Jonathan. That is what it is all about today, because today is historic. The Republican Budget Committee is going to turn this budget around, and I would like to see the American people judge this Congress not by the harsh rhetoric and the hard choices that we will be making over the next couple of days but by the country and the government that we give to our children and our children's children long after we are gone.

AMERICANS WILL PAY MORE FOR MEDICARE

(Mr. DOGGETT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DOGGETT. Mr. Speaker, Lewis and Ed Kierklewski are two hard-working Texans. They have worked hard all of their lives. One is retired, one is nearing retirement, and they deserve to have the security of Medicare and Social Security.

But today that security is threatened, because the Republicans say we need to have the largest corporations in this country pay less taxes and we need for Lewis and Ed to pay more for Medicare.

Interestingly enough, as peaceful as Ed and Lewis look, the Republicans are scared to death of them, and so in 6 hours of debate, they have provided us this plan. This is exactly what they have told Lewis and Ed they will do with their Medicare.

Now we know that on this sheet of blank paper there is nothing about doubling the deductible for Lewis and Ed. There is nothing about raising their premium every year. There is nothing about increasing their costs, because the Republicans are afraid to stand in this well and tell Lewis and Ed and millions of American seniors the truth that they are about to hike their out-of-pocket expenses for Medicare to pay for tax breaks for the wealthy.